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Nonpartisan legislative agency to report on impact of health care law
Indiana's Legislative Services Agency to review new federal law's impact on the state

INDIANAPOLIS –Senate Democrat Leader Vi Simpson (D-Ellettsville) announced today that a review of the impact of the new federal health care law on Indiana will be conducted by the nonpartisan Legislative Services Agency this summer. The agency is expected to report findings to the state Health Finance Commission and to the Indiana General Assembly's Legislative Council later this year.

Simpson said she looks forward to the nonpartisan report and hopes that it will help the state better prepare for changes as the federal law's provisions are implemented. She is a member of both groups to which the report will be made.

"Clearly this was monumental reform on the federal level, and it will have a significant impact on Indiana in terms of service delivery, regulation and fiscal budgeting," Simpson said. "We must begin planning for these changes now, or Indiana will lose out on federal dollars and Hoosiers will lose out on the improvements in health care that they deserve."

Simpson also expects to be involved with a study on tax credits for charitable contributions made to public education foundations, such as the Foundation of Monroe County Community Schools and the Richland-Bean Blossom Community School Foundation. The topic has been assigned to the Commission on State Tax and Financing Policy by Simpson's request under [Senate Resolution 32](#).

Simpson said the General Assembly recently approved tax credits for charitable contributions to private school scholarship funds and should do the same for contributions to nonprofit foundations that benefit teachers and students in public schools. A public educational foundation is a nonprofit foundation organized and operated for the benefit of a public elementary school or public high school located in Indiana.

The announcement comes after Wednesday's meeting of the Legislative Council where Simpson and other legislative leaders finalized the topics assigned to 2010 interim study committees. The study committees will study and make findings and recommendations for the upcoming legislative session.

The General Assembly annually convenes interim study committees and permanent commissions to conduct in-depth research and analysis of issues affecting the state. Recommendations from these committees are typically due by November 1 and are often the basis for future legislation. More information about committee topics, schedules and agendas is available online at www.in.gov/legislative/interim.

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